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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Thering et al.

Paper No:

Serial No.: 09/750,824

Attention: BOX MISSING PARTS

Filed: December 28, 2000

For: **Methods and Apparatus for  
Transporting and Positioning Film in a Digital  
Film Processing System**

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF  
APPLICATION-FILING DATE GRANTED**

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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted dated April 30, 2001, submitted herewith are the following:

- (1) Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by the Inventors;
- (2) The Government Surcharge Fee (37 CFR 1.16(e)) of \$130.00, by check;
- (3) A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted, dated April 30, 2001;
- (4) Transmittal of Formal Drawings;
- (5) Twenty (20) Sheets of Formal Drawings;
- (6) Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and Twenty (20) Cited References;

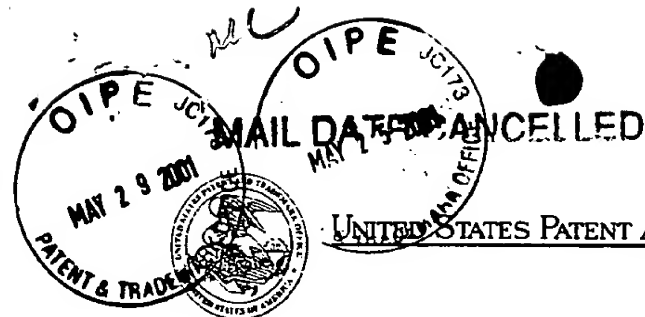


- (7) Request for Corrected Filing Receipt and Copy of Incorrect Filing Receipt; and  
(8) Return Receipt Postcard.

It is believed that this represents a complete response to the Notice. Please charge any additional fees required in connection with the present Response, and credit any excess in fees paid, to Deposit Account No. 04-1133.

Respectfully submitted,

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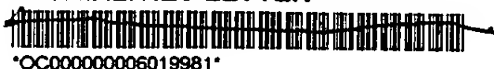
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09/750,824	12/28/2000	Michael R. Thering	24012-76 77

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## FORMALITIES LETTER


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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

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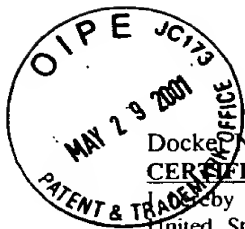
In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated April 30, 2001, attached please find formal drawings to be substituted for the originally filed informal drawings in this application. These drawings are substantively identical to the informal drawings originally filed and as amended during the prosecution, and no new matter is involved.

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Dear Sir:

A copy of the official Filing Receipt received for this application is enclosed. The Filing Receipt should be corrected with the attorney docket number charged to 24012-77. A corrected Filing Receipt is therefore requested.

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## Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

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## Foreign Applications

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Projected Publication Date: To Be Determined - pending completion of Missing Parts

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

**Title**

Methods and apparatus for transporting and positioning film in a digital film processing system

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